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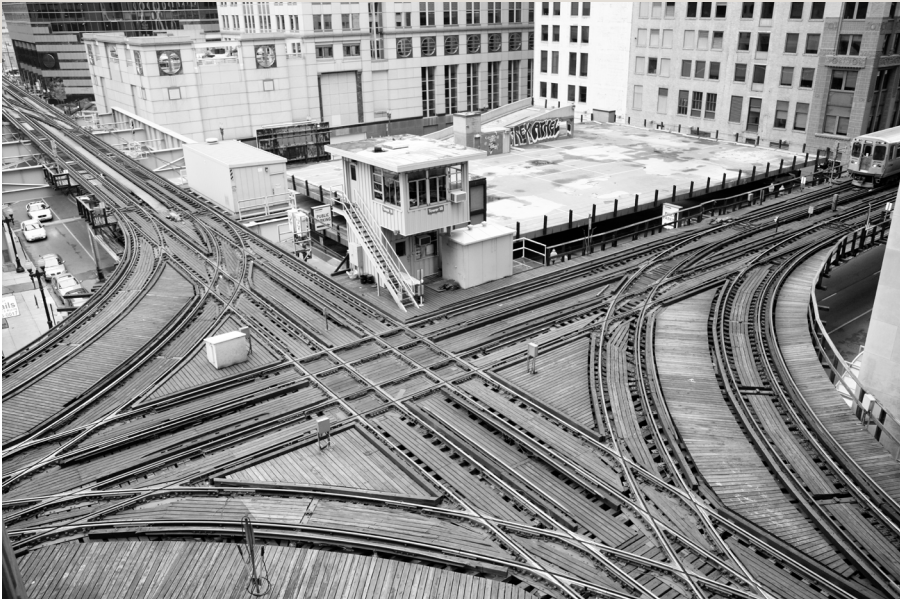
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Dear Friends and Supporters of the BGA,

2011 was a year of tremendous growth and impact in our fight for a better government. We saw significant progress in our push for a government that's honest, transparent and accountable. Just take a look at the numbers:

- 91 investigations released to the public
- 618 letters sent to lawmakers
- 543 citizen watchdogs trained
- 400 media appearances and mentions
- 23 civic engagement events
- 4 idea forums

In this annual report you'll see highlights of one of the most exciting years in recent BGA history. We broke investigations small and large, advocated for reforms and engaged with hundreds of Illinois citizens. Our work touched on bad practices within day-to-day government and tackled larger systemic issues, like pension abuse, conflicts of interests, waste and wrongful convictions.

Most importantly, in 2011, we started to see a real impact from our work. Mayor Rahm Emanuel cut hundreds of governmental credit cards and suspended cash payments for unused sick days after the BGA reported widespread abuse. The Illinois Senate Criminal Law Committee held a public hearing to consider criminal justice reforms after the BGA's investigation, The High Costs of Wrongful Convictions. Hundreds of citizens learned how to file Freedom of Information Act requests and keep a watch on government.

Again and again, we saw immediate government response to our investigations. We're seeing change. And we're seeing the beginnings of a better government.

This impact would not be possible without you, the generous supporters of the BGA. We thank you for your belief and your confidence in our efforts to make a difference. We hope you see the dividend of your investment right here in this annual report.

Andy Shaw

Andy Shaw
President & CEO



Dear Friends of the BGA,

A recent University of Illinois at Chicago study stigmatized Chicago as the most corrupt city in the nation. Whether true or not, it is the national perception. And Chicagoans know in their hearts that while we may not be dead last on that list, we are low in the bottom tier. For years we thought that Chicago corruption was the unfortunate byproduct of a city that works. In more prosperous times, when corruption cost a few percentage points from a generous budget, it was easily excused as the regrettable grease that had always made sure the garbage was removed and flowers were planted.

Is corruption indelibly a part of the Chicago DNA? Are citizens doomed to perpetual manipulation by public officials who spend taxpayer dollars as if they were their own? While the answer is no to both questions, the remedy requires effort, resources and perseverance. Fiscally, if not morally, corruption must end. Our governments are broke. The first casualty in eliminating deficits must be corruption and waste, not education or health care for the elderly.

Changing the collective attitude of indifference to corruption is not easy. To effect the corruption cure, citizens need to educate themselves, become more skeptical of past practices, care more about our children's future and invest in exposing and eliminating corruption. On behalf of the BGA, we're thankful that you have become our partner in this quest to clean up our government.

Since 1923, the BGA has been exposing waste, fraud and corruption by public officials. For many years, the BGA campaigned with limited resources in relentless pursuit of those who betrayed the public trust. Despite some public indifference and scorn from dishonest officials, the BGA used its limited resources to expose fraud and speak the painful truth to power. Though our resources were never enough to confront all of the corruption we suspected, we shined our light on the worst of it. It was better to light a candle than curse the darkness.

But, as the BGA grows, we know that with a thousand spotlights we can create illumination. Our candlepower is growing every day. As the BGA's beacons brighten, we are forcing more and more corruption from the shadows, but we still have a long way to go. Many news organizations have cut back or eliminated their investigative reporting, but the problems aren't shrinking. The BGA is growing in prominence as an enemy of corruption, and we could not do this without the thousands of concerned citizens who have come forward and joined our fight by donating their ideas, time and dollars.

The BGA knows that an army of informed and concerned citizens is a great weapon against public corruption. So in addition to investigating and exposing corruption, the BGA is also educating the public in their rights and offering solutions.

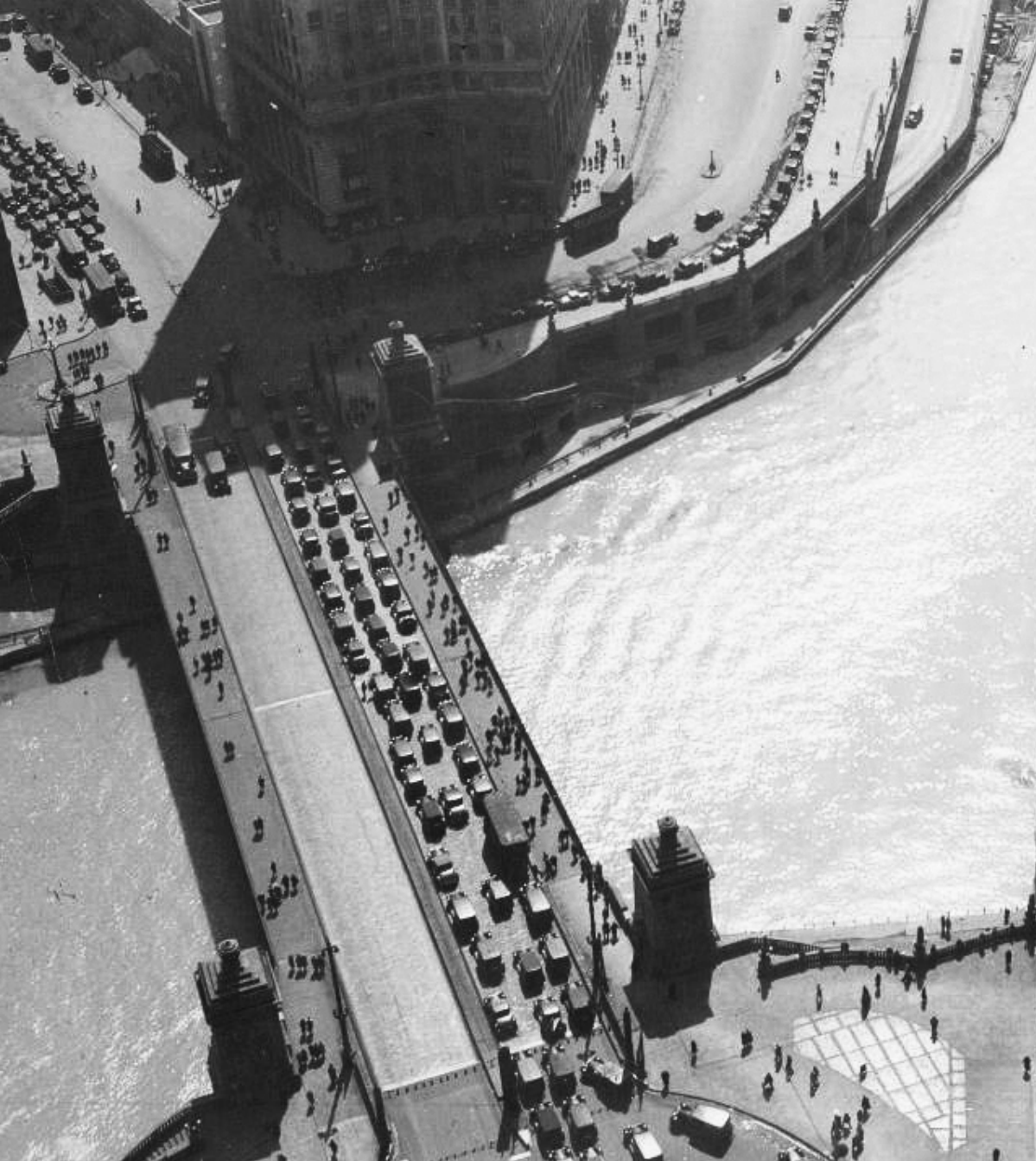
We thank you for what you did in 2011 to help make our government more transparent and honest, holding accountable those who are not. We are on the path to transforming our government to become responsible, fair and clean.

We hope you continue to help the BGA shine a light on government. And together, let's create dazzling illumination.



H. Roderic Heard
Chair | Board of Directors





BGA Mission

The BGA promotes integrity, transparency and accountability in government by exposing waste, fraud and corruption, promoting effective public policy and engaging the community.

“The BGA is the link between those that want to affect government and the government itself. There’s nothing like it anywhere else in the country. BGA has been an important pillar of strength for Chicago. And Chicago is a greater city and Illinois a greater state because of all of the work the BGA has done.”

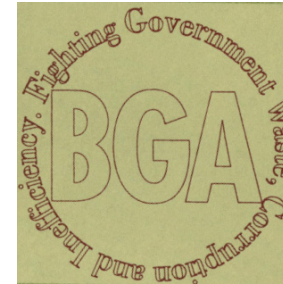
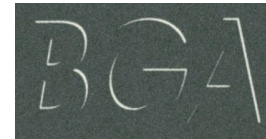
60 Minutes and CBS News Anchor Scott Pelley speaking at the 2011 Annual BGA Luncheon

BGA History

The BGA was founded in 1923 to protect the integrity of the political process in Chicago. Through the 1920s and again in the 1960s, the organization focused on combating massive fraud in Chicago's elections. For its first 30 years, the BGA pursued an active program of voter education, election reform and encouragement of efficient government. In 1957, the BGA took on a major new role by adopting a policy that placed the emphasis on investigative work, leading to some of the most significant journalistic exposés published in Illinois. Among the most noted was the Mirage Tavern investigation (conducted in conjunction with the Chicago Sun-Times and *60 Minutes*), which documented the systemic corruption that plagued small businesses through government shakedowns and payoffs.

In 2009, the Board of Directors decided to reorganize the BGA by expanding its mission and building its resources in an effort to strengthen its role as a force for government reform. Under the leadership of Andy Shaw, the BGA has developed a comprehensive agenda that combines in-depth journalistic investigations, along with advocacy and strategic civic engagement campaigns, to effectively educate and mobilize citizens across the state of Illinois in pursuit of better government.

Commemorating the BGA's profound evolution, the organization unveiled a [new logo](#) in 2011. A comprehensive design process, involving interviews with staff, board members and supporters, led to the logo's creation. This new logo encapsulates the BGA's mission--to shine a light on government and hold public officials accountable. A secondary image for the BGA's Watchdog Training Program pays homage to the organization's longtime mascot, the bulldog.





Investigative Program

The BGA filed nearly 100 investigations in 2011, a far higher number than any year in recent memory. In a significant step for the organization, this year marked the initiation of [RESCUING ILLINOIS](#), an ongoing series of in-depth reports about improving and reforming state government. RESCUING ILLINOIS investigations focus on the state's systemic problems and offer suggestions on what can be done to solve them. These reports, however, haven't slowed the BGA's day-to-day, hard-hitting [investigations](#) of local and state government. The Investigative Unit had an impressive 2011, with countless [results](#) stemming from their investigations.

“For over 6 months the Better Government Association and FOX Chicago News have investigated irregularities in personal expenditures and hiring at the Chicago Park District. Their findings included a department head who issued a fitness contract to his live-in girlfriend, hiring of the city’s Fleet Management Director recently fired for demolishing a city car while drunk and abuse of travel expenses by the superintendent and the chief of staff. On May 31 (2011), Tim Mitchell resigned as superintendent and will leave the post sometime in June.”

Friends of the Parks

Rescuing Illinois

Investigations focusing on policy and systemic change

April & September 2011

Sticker Shock: Platinum Pensions for State Pols and Community College Retirees

In the first investigation of the RESCUING ILLINOIS project, the BGA looked at the millions of dollars in pension benefits guaranteed to former state workers. Investigators found thousands of retired politicians and educators are reaping bounteous pensions that often greatly exceed what they've paid into the system. The BGA also exposed that the cost to taxpayers will spiral out of control unless major public pension reforms are implemented in Illinois.

June 2011

The High Costs of Wrongful Convictions

This seven-month BGA investigation with the Center on Wrongful Convictions found that 85 cases of wrongful conviction have cost Illinois taxpayers \$214 million since 1976. Innocent men and women served a total of 926 years for crimes they did not commit. Investigators discovered that in 95 percent of the cases examined alleged government misconduct contributed to the wrongful convictions.

November 2011

Why Townships Don't Add Up

In this special investigation, the BGA took a hard look at the value of townships. Spawned in the late 1800s, township governments in suburban Cook County continue to subsidize political fiefdoms of minimal value, despite growing evidence that many townships have outlived their benefit to the public.

November 2011

Illinois Human Rights Commission: Top Pay, Benefits for Part-Timers

This marked the first in a series of investigations exploring taxpayer-supported boards and commissions that—in many cases—are soft landings for politically connected insiders who rake in generous salaries and benefits for minimal work.



BGA Journalistic Investigations

June 2011

Emmanuel Cuts City Agency Credit Card Use After BGA/FOX Investigation

Mayor Rahm Emanuel cancelled hundreds of city credit cards after BGA investigations exposed many were being used for pricey hotels and restaurants, first-class travel and generous gifts.

June 2011

Suburban Mayor Living ‘Country Club’ Lifestyle, Courtesy of Taxpayers

This BGA/WGN-TV investigation shined a light on Mayor Dwight W. Welch and his hefty expense account. He said he “spends money to make money” for this south suburban town, but village trustees accused him of using hard-earned tax dollars like a personal slush fund.

September 2011

Four Towns Owe Chicago More than \$15 Million for Water

BGA investigators discovered that four municipalities owe cash-strapped Chicago more than \$15 million in overdue water bills, part of a grand total of \$47 million in unpaid water bills.

October 2011

Utilities Brighten Up IL Legislators’ Campaign Funds

A BGA analysis found ComEd and Ameren donated more than \$1.3 million in the months leading up to the approval of the ‘Smart Grid’ bill they championed. The Sun-Times published a compelling editorial in the aftermath of the news.

October 2011

Top Rahm Aid Set Herself Up for Sweet CTA Pension

A joint BGA/Crain’s probe revealed that mayoral Chief of Staff Theresa Mintle helped craft a pension-sweetening deal that promises her a \$65,000 CTA pension after just eight years of service.

December 2011

City Treasurer Uses Police Security Detail for Personal Business

BGA investigators working with FOX Chicago News found that Chicago Treasurer Stephanie Neely was using her police perk for more than city business.

Policy Program

In its first full year in existence, the BGA's Policy Unit made great strides in shaping the discussion, both in Chicago and in Springfield, about ways to improve our government. The policy and advocacy team were on the forefront of our state's key issues, relaying them back to BGA followers and members on the [Think Tank](#) blog and in the media. New in 2011, the BGA's [Action Center](#) allows supporters and followers to connect directly with lawmakers to effect change around policy issues. There were several main initiatives on which the Policy Unit focused in 2011.

Streamlining Government

The BGA started off 2011 off by asking whether Chicago should cut the size of its city council, a question that gained momentum and was even discussed in the mayoral race. A BGA [analysis](#) of the 10 most populous cities in the country revealed that, compared to Chicago, each have a higher number of constituents represented by each city council seat.

Freedom of Information Act

The BGA [fought hard](#) in 2011 to prevent Illinois from chipping away at the Freedom of Information Act. The policy and advocacy team used the BGA's e-advocacy tool for the [first time](#) to connect citizens to their lawmakers to urge them to vote "no" on broad changes that would limit the public's right to access information.

Wrongful Conviction Reform

Following the BGA's comprehensive 2011 investigation into wrongful convictions, the BGA held a subject matter [hearing](#) in the Senate Criminal Law Committee, bringing together experts, lawmakers, advocates and victims of wrongful conviction to discuss reform.

Support for a Strong Office of the Inspector General

In 2011, the BGA [called on Mayor Emanuel](#) to give Chicago Inspector General Joe Ferguson the powers outlined for him in the law.

Public Pension Reform

In the wake of the BGA's many investigations shining a light on the public pension crisis, the policy and advocacy team called attention to areas for [pension reform](#).

Greater Financial Accountability

The BGA provided [best practice guidance](#) for local governments struggling with regulating procurement processes.

Township Reform

Coinciding with the BGA's investigations into the value of townships, the Policy Unit advocated for [township reform](#).



Civic Engagement

Citizen Watchdog Training Program

The BGA [Citizen Watchdog Training Program](#) trained more than 500 people in 2011, the program's second year in existence. The BGA held programs throughout the state, while also expanding online resources, like an Open Meetings Act (OMA) video, for those who can't attend training seminars in person.

With generous funding from the Field Foundation of Illinois, the BGA launched the [Citizen Watchdogs of Education](#) program and held six training seminars across the city of Chicago. This program is designed to empower parents and community members to get more engaged in the administration of their local public schools. The BGA partnered with experts from Catalyst Chicago and PURE to teach parents how to obtain and read school budgets and participate in the Local School Council (LSC) process, along with a November partnership with the Chicago Westside NAACP.

Following on the success of 2010, in 2011, the BGA continued to host free [FOIA Clinics](#) with the assistance of attorneys from Kirkland & Ellis, LLP, and the Center for Open Government at Chicago-Kent College of Law. The BGA held FOIA Clinics in February, June and September of 2011. After attending the BGA's June FOIA Clinic, four Maywood residents whose FOIA request had been denied were represented by the BGA's pro bono attorneys. In reaction to the lawsuit, BGA investigators ramped up coverage of corruption in Maywood, and the BGA's Citizen Watchdog Training hosted a session for Maywood residents in December.

"It is often whistleblowers, not the media exclusively, who create change... As I often remind myself: Loudmouths make the world go 'round.'"

Reporter Kristen McQueary in a Southtown Star column on the BGA's Watchdog Training Program

2011 Watchdog Training Highlights

February & March 2011 Joliet Junior College in Will County was home to the first Citizen Watchdog Training outside of Chicago. As in all BGA training seminars, speakers taught attendees about the “tools of transparency,” the Open Meetings Act (OMA) and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). National award-winning watchdog Brian Costin was a special guest, sharing his ideas on how to make government more transparent and efficient.

April 2011 The BGA traveled to Springfield to host its first-ever downstate Citizen Watchdog Training. Michael Luke, counsel to the Illinois Attorney General, gave a comprehensive presentation on the OMA. A video is posted on the BGA website.

April 2011 With generous support from the Field Foundation of Illinois, the BGA launched its Citizen Watchdogs of Education program, with the inaugural session in Englewood.

May 2011 The Watchdogs of Education program hosted its second installment in Pilsen. Local activists from throughout the Pilsen and Little Village communities gathered to hear an in-depth overview of the Local School Councils law. Attendees also learned community organizing methods from Raise your Hand for Illinois Public Education.

August 2011 In a Watchdog Training session in Oak Park/River Forest, the BGA partnered with the Illinois Attorney General’s Office for an in-depth presentation on the OMA. You can look at an overview of the presentation on the AG’s website.

August 2011 Joining with a local community center, the BGA hosted a pre-school year Watchdogs of Education session in Albany Park. In spite of the heat, a local group of concerned citizens gathered to ask Wanda Hopkins from PURE questions about school budgets and principal responsibilities.

September 2011 The BGA headed to Lawndale for a Watchdogs of Education session and hosted



Sarah Karp, deputy editor of Catalyst Chicago, who compared school segment reports from neighboring schools and taught parents about the intricacies of “discretionary/supplementary” funding.

October 2011 The BGA partnered with the Union League Club of Chicago to host a Watchdog Training session in downtown Chicago. A mix of business professionals, club members and concerned citizens came together to learn about the FOIA and OMA appeals processes.

October 2011 Watchdogs of Education traveled to the South Side neighborhood of Greater Grand Crossing. In addition to covering standard education issues, questions were raised regarding the extended school day initiative, the 2012 CPS budget deficit and aldermanic involvement in local schools.

November 2011 The Chicago Westside NAACP hosted the BGA’s Watchdogs of Education session at its 2011 Fall Parent Conference. More than 50 parents gathered in the Austin neighborhood to hear BGA presentations, along with presentations from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Civil Rights.

December 2011 In response to a number of recent BGA investigations into corruption in Maywood and the surrounding villages, the BGA hosted a Watchdog Training session in Maywood. More than 75 concerned citizens attended, learning how to keep an even closer eye on the village’s public officials and connecting with the BGA staff on potential investigations. young

“I became involved as a BGA watchdog after seeing firsthand how local governments try to keep people in the dark about their dealings, salaries, political contributions—the list could go on and on. The BGA helps the average citizen keep an eye on their towns and villages.”

Barbara Piltaver, BGA Citizen Watchdog





Citizen Education & Communication Programs

In its commitment to responsible civic engagement that keeps the public informed with reliable facts, in-depth information and thoughtful perspectives, the BGA worked tirelessly to spread the message of better government across Illinois. Through Andy Shaw's outreach, traditional media and social media, a new membership initiative, forums and events and the organization's website, the BGA reached thousands of citizens in 2011, educating them on developments in local and state government, providing information for whistleblowers and stimulating public debate.

The BGA had nearly 400 media hits in 2011. From June through December, the BGA had more than 300 stories, mentions and appearances on TV, radio, newspapers and the web. In the past year, the BGA's coverage steadily expanded outside Chicago, with reports in Springfield and Rockford and even beyond--on MSNBC, CNBC, in the Christian Science Monitor, Sydney Morning Herald and the Ethiopian Times. The BGA's strongest reach, however, remains in the Chicagoland area. Regular media partners include:

Print: *Chicago Sun-Times, Daily Herald,
The Southtown Star, Crain's Chicago Business*

TV: *CBS 2, FOX Chicago News, WGN, ABC 7, NBC5*

Radio: *WBBM Newsradio, WLS, WGN,
WVON, WTAX-Springfield*

Web: *The Huffington Post, Gapers Block,
Windy Citizen, Chicagoist, Capitol Fax*

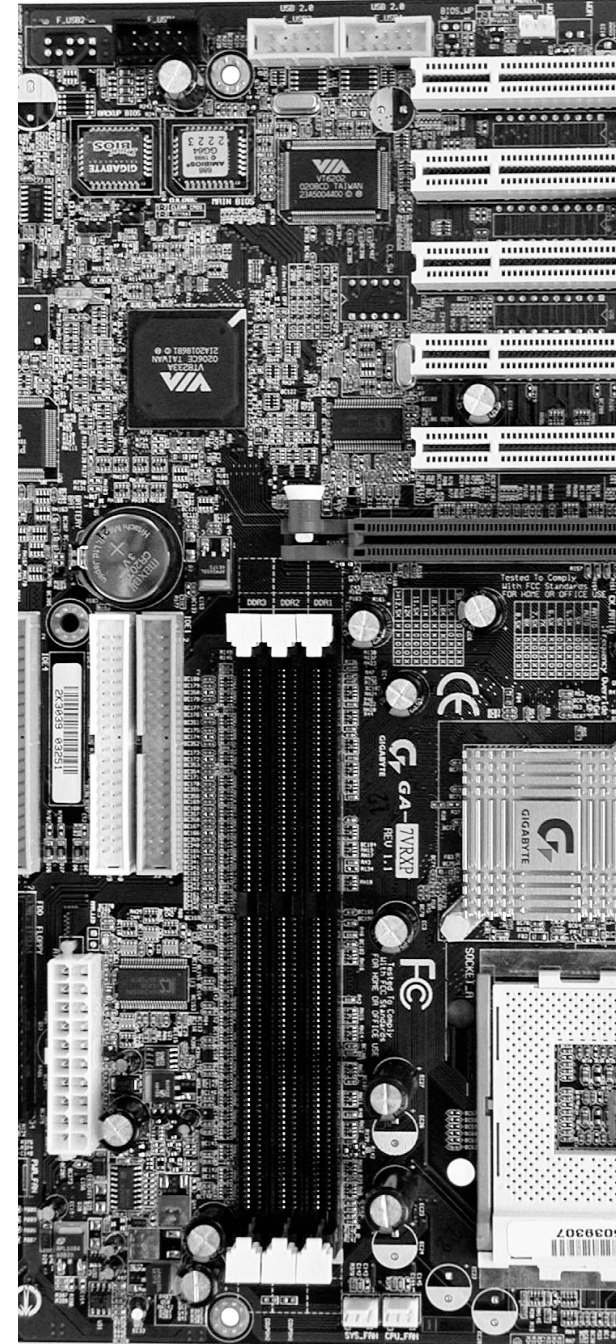
BGA Digital Strategy

In 2011, the BGA's first full-year of utilizing its new [website](#), the digital efforts focused more clearly on the organization's goals: results and reform, user engagement, community building and fundraising. The BGA's emphasis in 2010 had been on making its digital presence functional--in 2011 the focus shifted to making it effective. Web traffic more than doubled in 2011. A new community manager upgraded the BGA's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) channels, allowing for more productive conversations with members, supporters and partners and building new relationships on the web.

Each of the BGA's five in-depth investigations that was part of the RESCUING ILLINOIS project was presented in a custom, dynamic web package. The first, *[Sticker Shock](#)*, gave the BGA a great opportunity to extend its content presentation; in the second, *[The High Costs of Wrongful Convictions](#)*, the digital team made improvements and extended functionality. The traditional written narrative was complemented with multimedia (video, photo slideshow, documents, illustrations and databases) interactive pieces (social media sharing, commenting) and reform-centric sections. The BGA also launched added capabilities on the website, including a commenting functionality, an [events calendar](#) and in-story modules with relevant tools and information. [BGA on Air](#) is a newly created section, where web visitors can check out the BGA's regular TV and radio appearances.

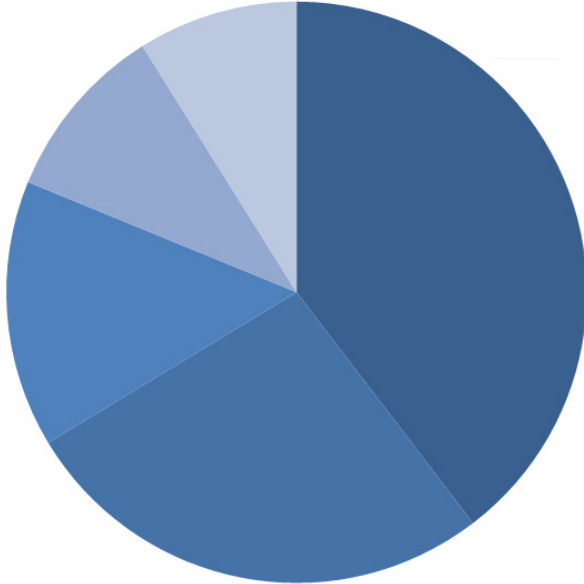
The BGA digitally branched out in many new directions. Two Tumblr pages were created—one for [tracking results](#) from BGA investigations and the other for [documenting the second Blagojevich trial](#). The BGA also live-streamed two events on its website. The first was a [roundtable discussion](#) on investigative journalism, and the second was Andy Shaw's [conversation with Mayor Rahm Emanuel](#) on good government. Both discussions featured questions from the BGA members, supporters and visitors.

In a significant step for advocacy, the BGA web and policy teams launched the [Action Center](#) in 2011, a digital way to empower and mobilize Illinois citizens around better government initiatives. This tool will continue to be refined and expanded in the coming years.



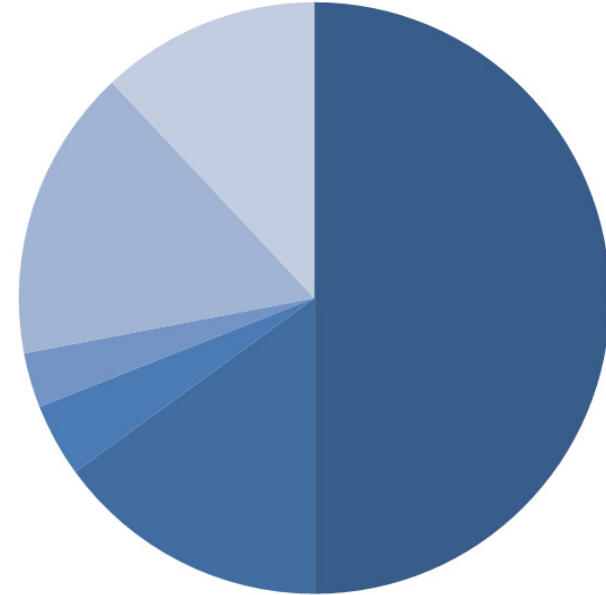
2011 Budget

\$1,640,000



Income

- Foundations = 40%
- Annual Event = 27%
- Major Donors = 15%
- Individual Members and Donors = 10%
- Corporations = 8%



Expenses

- Investigations = 50%
- Communications and Media = 15%
- Policy = 4%
- Civic Engagement = 3%
- Administration = 16%
- Development = 12%

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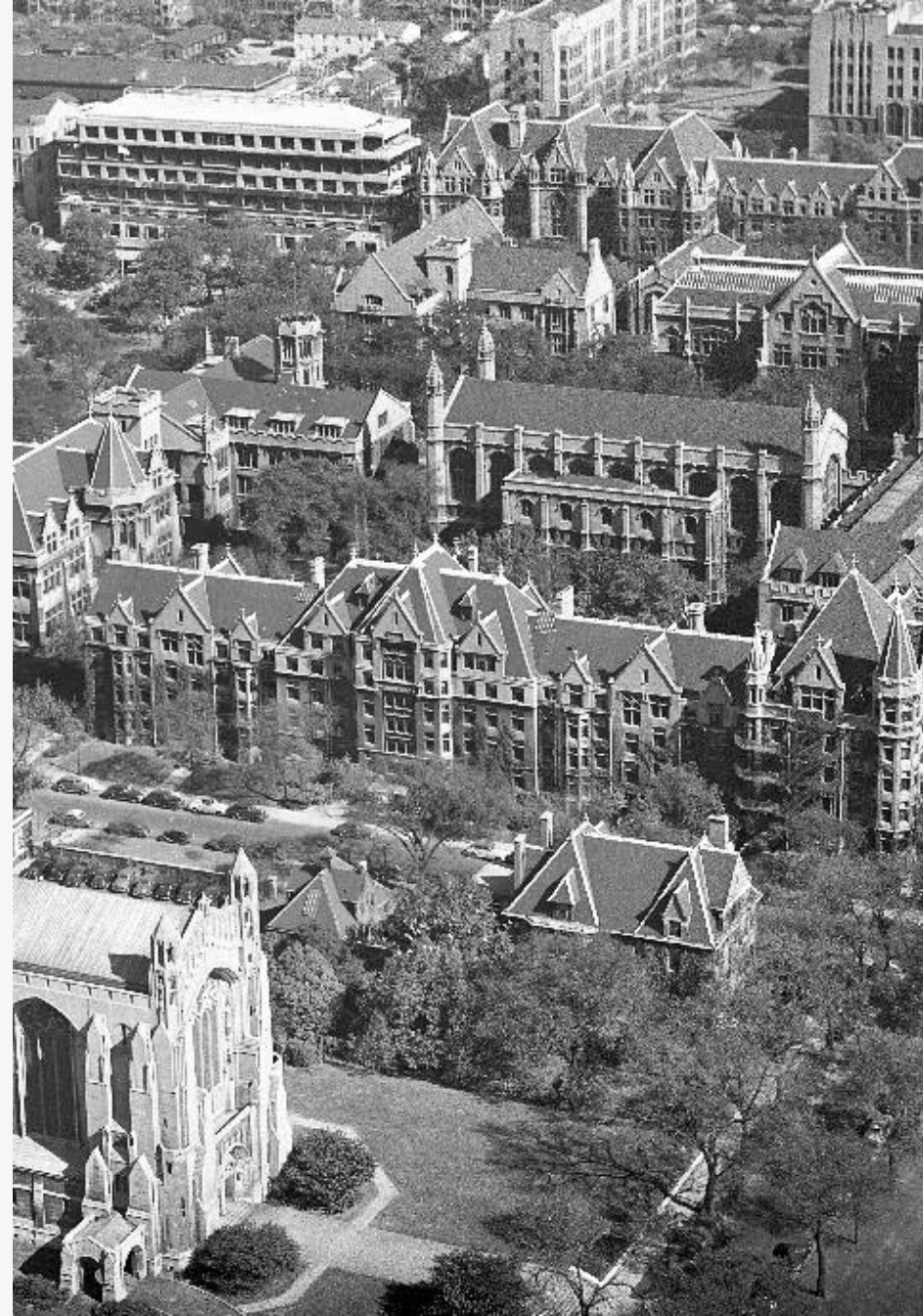
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In Memoriam
John White
1919-2011

John White was a true champion of honest government, having served as a passionate BGA Board Member for almost 50 years. We will miss John tremendously, but his spirit and leadership will continue to guide and inspire our team as we push forward for the clean, open government to which we're entitled.

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Created in 2011, the BGA's Civic Leadership Committee consists of highly respected members of the local community. They have partnered with the BGA to offer advice and aid with strategic planning for the future of the organization. The BGA is grateful to have their time, effort and support.

David Coolidge *and* **Melvin Katten**
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The BGA was proud to host renowned journalist Scott Pelley, of *60 Minutes* and anchor of CBS News, as its **keynote speaker at the 2011 Annual BGA Luncheon**. With nearly 800 people in attendance, Pelley impressed the crowd with a dynamic speech about the importance of the BGA's work within the greater scope of investigative journalism.

“What a great country we have today because of organizations like the BGA—that elaborate, investigate and hold public officials accountable. That is the only way we will reduce that apathy in the country and let people feel that they have a voice... It is the only way a great democracy can survive.”

— *Scott Pelley*

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Last spring, the BGA was proud to announce the **winners of the 2011 Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Awards for Investigative Reporting**, the second annual event. Chosen from an impressive number of submissions, the winners' stories are all exemplary of investigative reporting.

First Place Award

Bob Segall, Bill Ditton & Cyndee Hebert
"Reality Check: Where are the Jobs?"
WTHR-TV Indianapolis

Second Place Award

Mick Dumke & Ben Joravsky
"The Shadow Budget: Who Wins Daley's TIF Game?"
Chicago Reader

Third Place Award

Brian Brueggemann & Mike Fitzgerald
"Tax Buyers, Politicians Benefit from Tax Sales"
Belleville News-Democrat

**Meritorious Award for Commitment
to Investigative Journalism**
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel



In July of 2011, the BGA Young Professionals Board (YPB) hosted a summer fundraising event, an evening at the Billy Goat Tavern dedicated to the discussion of journalism, benefiting the establishment of the Dan Sprehe Memorial Chair within the BGA's investigative unit. Dan was a former BGA investigator who, at 32, passed away in 2010 from complications related to diabetes. The evening was a success, and the BGA YPB has pledged to make this an annual event.

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In January of 2011, the BGA was pleased to announce a **\$1 million matching gift** from the Richard H. Driehaus Charitable Lead Trust in support of the BGA's RESCUING ILLINOIS project and to promote honest, efficient and transparent government through investigative journalism, public policy advocacy and civic engagement.

"The BGA reminds public officials—with vigorous investigations, realistic reform proposals and tireless outreach—that these are our tax dollars, not theirs," said Mr. Driehaus. "We are at a critical moment, with government in crisis at all levels, and the BGA represents one of our best hopes for achieving more fairness, accountability, integrity, transparency and honesty from our public officials."

The Richard H. Driehaus Charitable Lead Trust will match every dollar raised by the BGA up to \$1 million over a three-year period. BGA President and CEO Andy Shaw said the Driehaus grant will underwrite BGA projects aimed at ending patronage, waste, duplication, inefficiency and corruption in Chicago and throughout the state.

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